# Operational Control



### OPERATIONAL CONTROL (4.4.6)



The basic issue that needs to be addressed in the Operation Control section of the standard is

HOW DO YOU INSURE THAT THE OPERATIONS ARE CONTROLLED PROPERLY?



#### Three issues must be addressed:

- 1. Organization must identify the operations and activities that are directly associated with the Significant Environmental Aspects.
- 2. Organization must develop procedures and operational criteria, including maintenance, that address these specific operations and activities.



Three issues must be addressed: (cont..)

3. Organization must communicate the procedures and operational criteria to suppliers of products and services that might interact with the established Significant Environmental Aspects.



The first two points have been previously addressed and evaluated during the development of Environmental Policy statement, Significant Environmental Aspects and the Environmental Objectives and Targets. This section of the standard reinforces the need for documented procedures for those programs directly related to Significant Environmental Aspects.



The third point references the "control and influence" concept. The organization will need to communicate relevant portions of the EMS to suppliers and contractors if their activities and services have the potential to interact with the organization's Significant Environmental Aspects.